SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Chambers, do you normally read The
Ashland Gazette or the Wahoo paper?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is confidential.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Oh, obviously you don't.   Somebody sent you
that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh)

SENATOR HUDKINS: ...newsletter, which is just fine. I, and you
all got a copy of this newsletter on your desks yesterday, which
is fine.   I never said anything derogatory about Senator
Chambers.   In fact, I believe I even paid him a compliment. But
he is upset that I dared to question his abilities, which we all
know that he has.   Could this bill have been on consent
calendar? Yes, it could have been.   I had requested that it be.
At least two other senators requested that it be, which is
neither here nor there.   But since I have dared to question
Senator Chambers' abilities, he's going to take it out on this
particular amendment, on this particular bill.   Just so you
know,   this particular amendment would allow firefighters,
volunteer firefighters, to be covered for workers' compensation
from the moment the alarm is sounded. One example that I gave
in the committee hearing was that the fire alarm...the fire
phone went off.   The firefighter, who was a volunteer, jumped
out of bed to answer the call, wrenched his back and ultimately
had surgery.   The workers' comp claim was denied because the
insurance company said, well, unfortunately, we don't feel that
you had traveled far enough to the fire.   The Attorney General
gave me their opinion on this.   We had intent language from
years ago when the original bill was passed and Senator
Chambers, bless his heart, asked the...the insurance person if
English was his first language, took the testifier completely by
surprise, and then he said, what words in the statute don't you
understand?   That took him by surprise.   And then Senator
Chambers said, and I thank him for this, the fact is that you
just don't want to pay these claims at all, and then he
continued to ask, why don't you tell us what language we should
put in so that you would understand it. And then I don't know